Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Ralph and Lois Sachtjen exchanged their wedding vows on March 3, 1945, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 60 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Ralph served his country during World War II and Lois taught school while he was away. The couple have spent their married lives in the community of Winner where they farmed until retirement; and,

Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Ralph and Lois have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, An open house will be held on March 5, 2005, in Winner to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of a devoted couple who has shared life's beauty and sorrow and has grown to love one another more because of their common journey, and it is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 3, 2005, as

RALPH AND LOIS SACHTJEN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State